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No More Salary Cuts Now Governor Asserts

State Employes And Teachers Will Get Same Compensation They Have Been Receiving For Several Months; May Have Extra Session of Legislature In November.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, July 18—The State of North Carolina will carry on for the next six months as it has for the past six months, on the basis of allotments to the departments, institutions and divisions of 70 per cent of the legislative appropriations, without further cuts in salaries of State officials and employees and no cuts or withholding salaries of teachers, and, if it appears necessary in November or December, the General Assembly members to be elected early in November will be assembled to handle the finances for the six months following.

Governor O. Max Gardner issued a statement Saturday embodying this information, after a week of conference and consultations with the Council of State, the Advisory Budget Commission and other officials and experts, and after a special committee of five State officials had worked out and submitted an estimate of receipts and disbursements for the next 12 months, disbursements on several bases, including the one of 70 per cent of the appropriations.

This committee, composed of State Auditor Baxter Durham, named chairman; Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell, State Treasurer John P. Stedman, Henry Burke, assistant director of the Budget, and Fred W. Morrison, secretary of the Tax Commission, agreed on estimated revenues for each of the 12 months and the expenditures on the 70 per cent of appropriation basis for each of the 12 months showing what should be the condition of the Treasury the first of each month.

Starting with a balance of only \$135,850 in the Treasury July 1, after the semi-annual bond and interest payments, the committee estimated a balance August 1 of \$1,487,043, September 1 of \$3,134,833, October 1 of \$2,388,804, November 1 of \$3,182,569, December 1 of \$2,526,334 and January 1, after semiannual bond and interest payments, an overdraft of \$2,621,114, which would be wiped out by February 1, but another overdraft of \$563,224 would develop March 1, and a balance of \$3,135,747 would be found April 1, as a result of income tax payments March 15. A balance would be maintained until June 30, when the semi-annual bond and interest payments would create a deficit of \$2,607,514 at the end of the fiscal year.

These figures include both highway and general funds and this status is to be maintained primarily through limiting expenditures of the Highway Department for the next year in construction, reconstruction and maintenance of roads to a minimum of \$3,000,000 less than the department's income, this amount to be used for the time for general fund purposes. This plan was agreed upon by the State Highway Commission, called for the purpose last week by Chairman E. B. Jeffress.

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JUVENILE COURT HAS PUT DAVE VANN ON PROBATION

Dave Vann, the twelve year old local colored boy who has acquired quite a reputation for his light-fingeredness, was tried recently by L. W. Has sell, judge of the Juvenile Court, after being sent over from Police Court on a charge of stealing merchandise from the C. Z. Chappell Store. Dave is well known locally both as "Chocolate Drop" and "Snow ball." Dave was put on probation and told that if he is seen by the town officers or is reported by any one else being seen on Front Street he will be sent away to a reformatory.

MEMBERS EUZELIAN CLASS ENJOY PICNIC AT BEACH

The Euzelian Class of the Beaufort Baptist Sunday School had a picnic supper at Atlantic Beach this afternoon. This was the regular monthly meeting of the class. Members of the class left about three-thirty for the beach. A good time was said to have been had by all.

A ginseng root which he believes to be 100 years old is owned by D. W. Sealf of Harlan, Ky.

GIVES READERS NEWSY NEWSPAPER

Last week the News contained forty-eight columns in all—and of this number twenty-three and one half columns was news matter either written by the regular staff here in Beaufort or by regular correspondents here in Carteret County, at the State capital, or elsewhere. In addition to this there were a number of pictures and several columns of special features. The readers therefore got more reading matter in the issue last week than they did advertisements. Many other weeklies have as few as eight or nine columns of reading matter each week.

It has always been the policy of the News to give the people of Carteret County a newspaper replete with news about this county in particular and this section in general. Judging from last week's issue, the News management has been very successful in accomplishing this in the past and intends to continue this policy in the future.

GOOD YIELD FROM AD VALOREM TAX

Over Three Millions Paid; Some Counties Are A Little Slow

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, July 18—North Carolina's 100 counties had paid into the State Treasury \$3,164,141.50 of the collections from the 15 cent ad valorem levy on property to supplement State funds, primarily for school purposes, as of July 1, at which time, State Treasurer John P. Stedman states, the funds practically ceased to come in. Very little has been received since then.

Many counties in the State postponed for varying periods the sale of property for taxes, which action delayed payment by these counties to the State fund, much of which had to be supplied from other sources to pay school costs, largely teacher salaries. Estimates placed revenues from this source at \$4,000,000, since revised downward. Most of the counties are keeping up fairly well in their payments, but some are behind.

The State Treasurer had also received from the counties \$237,126.72 in poll taxes collected, but has refunded to the counties, through the State Board of Equalization, \$85,404.87 of this amount, under provisions for turning back to the counties 80 per cent of the amount when payments reach a certain figure.

Thirteen piedmont and mountain counties have paid practically half of the ad valorem taxes received by the Treasurer, more than \$1,507,000. Up to July 1 Guilford had paid \$271,000, Forsyth \$261,000, Mecklenburg \$196,000, Buncombe \$137,000, Gaston \$128,000 and Durham \$119,000, the other seven in order being Rowan, Cabarrus, Rockingham, Davidson, Iredell, Cleveland and Catawba. Wake had paid \$93,000 and New Hanover \$68,000. In poll taxes, Guilford had paid \$18,000, Mecklenburg \$10,000, Gaston, \$7,000, Rockingham \$7,313, Cleveland \$7,000.

Carteret county had paid \$685.50 in poll taxes July 1, none of which had been refunded. This county had paid \$6,650.91 in ad valorem taxes, on an original levy estimate of \$21,772 from the 15 cent levy. The State will get practically all of the levy when last year's taxes are paid.

DR. G. W. LAY SERIOUSLY ILL AT CHAPEL HILL HOME

Dr. George W. Lay, former rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, is quite ill at his home in Chapel Hill. For a number of years the Lays resided in Beaufort and while here they made many friends who will regret to learn of Doctor Lay's serious illness.

NEGROES RECEIVE ROAD SENTENCES

Two Morehead City Negroes Sentenced to Twelve Months on the Roads; Notice of Appeal Given

Will Allen and Lib Bell Davis, two young Morehead City negroes, were convicted in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning of possessing and transporting twelve gallons and three quarts of spirituous liquor for the purpose of sale in the early morning of July 10. The defendants pled not guilty, and conducted their own defense during the trial. Chief George J. Nelson told of raiding the riverside camp of Will Allen and finding twenty-four half gallon fruit jars filled with liquor, but the others retreated rather hastily when the officers swooped down upon the hang-out, the chief said. He also said both defendants had very bad reputations when it came to liquor. Allen is an ex-bellhop of the Cherry Hotel, and Davis is a "rounder," Chief Nelson said. Officers J. N. Willis and Seth Hughes, who aided Chief Nelson in the raid, corroborated the testimony of their superior.

Davis and Allen both were on the stand and disclaimed any knowledge whatsoever of the liquor. Two other Morehead City negroes, Julius Sulton and Charlotte Dudley, also testified. Judge M. Leslie Davis found both defendants guilty and sentenced each to twelve months in the county jail and assigned them to work on the roads. Both negroes gave notice of an appeal to the Superior Court. They must give a justified bond of \$300 each, or they will have to remain in the county jail until the October term of Superior Court.

James Garner, Morehead City white man, pled guilty to possessing and transporting a quart of liquor the twelfth of July. Chief Nelson went on the stand and testified that he found Garner up an alley in Morehead City with the liquor on his person; also that the defendant is known to drink liquor but it has never been rumored that he sells it. Garner had told the officials that he purchased the whiskey for some one else. Chief Nelson and Solicitor Phillips both gave Garner a good general reputation. Judge Davis sentenced him to sixty days in the common jail, to be assigned to the roads and to pay all costs, capias not to be issued unless the defendant breaks some law. If the costs are not paid within thirty days the sentence is to begin at once.

W. D. Skarren pled guilty to recklessly driving his car the night of July 16. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the costs. George Henry Perry, Morehead City negro, was charged with the larceny of \$20 from Bertha George on the first of July. On account of the illness of the prosecuting witness the case was continued until next Tuesday morning.

RALEIGH MEN HAVE FINE CATCHES AT OCRACOKE

A party of Raleigh men was taken to Ocracoke by Capt. John M. Dickinson aboard the cruiser, the "Idle-On" for the week end fishing. Upon their return they reported that the fishing was very good there and they made large catches of trout and drum. The party was composed of: Messrs: J. R. Weatherspoon, J. W. Bunn, C. M. Johnson, C. T. McClenaghan, Clarence Howell, J. M. Broughton, George W. Bancam and Clyde A. Douglass, all of Raleigh.

CARTERET MUTUAL EXCHANGE PLANS TO HELP FARMING INDUSTRY HERE

Some of the leading farmers of the county met last Thursday evening in the court-house annex and reorganized the Carteret Mutual Exchange which was incorporated in 1929. Directors were elected as follows: G. W. Ball, Harlowe; David F. Merrill, Wire Grass; G. W. Huntley, Beaufort; W. J. Laughton, Crab Point; and George J. Oglesby, Camp Glenn. These directors will meet again Thursday evening, July 21, and elect other officials of the organization.

The purpose for which the organization was formed is to develop and encourage group marketing of farm produce and the purchasing of farm equipment and supplies. During the past three years this organization has been rather dormant, but the farmers are now determined to unite in an effort to secure better markets and prices for their various crops and to purchase their farm equipment and supplies jointly in or-

SALARIES CUT BY CITY BOARD

A Flat Reduction of Ten Per Cent Ordered; Budget Considered

Believing that there is a popular demand for salary reduction of public officials and in the interest of economy the Board of Commissioners of the town of Beaufort made a flat ten per cent cut of all salaries of town officials and employees at a meeting held last night Friday. This includes their own stipend of \$5 a month each which will now be \$4.50 per month. Present at the meeting were Mayor Taylor, Commissioners Gibbs, Glover and King, Clerk T. M. Thomas Jr., City Attorney G. W. Duncan and Chief of Police Longest.

The only person who escaped the cut was Sam Jones Pigott who draws \$50 a month for driving a cart and helping to keep the town clean. The two street men, Adrian Brooks and Jones Lewis, who have been receiving \$60 a month will get \$54 in future. No official present at the meeting offered any objection to the salary cuts.

The News is informed that the operating cost of Morehead City is more than twice as much as that of Beaufort and that a considerably larger number of persons are required to do the work. Here the clerk has to do the tax collecting as well as the other work in the office and the chief of police not only does police work but looks after street cleaning and the sanitary sewer work and the latter two require a lot of time.

Most of the board's time was taken up in discussing the budget for the ensuing year. A tentative budget, amounting to \$76,380.32, was adopted. It is printed on another page of this issue of the News and is also open for inspection by any citizen at the office of the City Clerk. At the regular meeting in August the budget will be taken up again and finally adopted. Any citizen who desires to do so may attend the meeting and offer any suggestion which he may see fit to offer.

The board discussed the matter of the injunction against selling property for 1931 taxes and the sentiment of the board was that the sale should proceed. The matter is to be heard on the 20th at Snow Hill before Judge Frizzelle.

BAPTIST PEOPLE ENJOY MELON CUTTING TUESDAY

Over a hundred people attended the water melon cutting party Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock at the North River bridge which was given by members of the Beaufort Baptist Sunday School. Before the forty ice-cold melons were served, a good many of those attending went in bathing at the sandy beach thrown up by the dredge to make the fill for the highway. All attending the melon cutting are said to have had a glorious good time.

An attendance contest was put on during the past several weeks at the Baptist Sunday School, which was divided between the "Reds" and the "Blues." The "Blues" won by a close margin and so the "Reds" were host at the melon cutting.

BIG MELON CROP TO BEGIN MOVING SOON

Elizabeth City, July 9—Word from Chowan county is that a record-breaking watermelon crop grown there this year will begin to move to Northern markets about July 20.

Will Close Post Office Each Saturday Afternoon

The local post-office will be closed each Saturday afternoon and the afternoon street delivery service will be dispensed with beginning Saturday, August 6. This is due to an economy measure recently passed by Congress and will effect all post-offices in the country. Since the first of this year, many post-offices throughout the nation have been closed Saturday afternoon, including even those in large cities. Mail will be dispatched and put in the boxes at the post-office as usual Saturday afternoon.

All clerks and mail carriers have been granted a half holiday Saturday afternoon since the first of the year, but the Beaufort Post Office has been kept open and the clerks and carriers working that afternoon were given an afternoon off the following week. The measure relative to post-offices that was passed recently by Congress requires that all clerks and town and city carriers be furloughed for one month during 1933 without compensation. Postmasters, assistant postmasters, supervisors, rural carriers and substitute employees are not granted the furlough; these employees however do have one month's pay deducted from their salaries, provided they are receiving over \$1,000 a year.

FUNERAL SERVICES HELD MARGARET ALLENE SMITH

Little Miss Margaret Allene Smith, five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, passed away here Sunday morning at the home of her uncle, Warren Smith. The death was said to have been the result of complications coming from an injury sustained some months ago while at play. She was first treated by local physicians, but was taken to Duke Hospital, in Durham, several weeks ago for treatment where she remained until a few days before her death. Funeral services were conducted from the home of the deceased's uncle, Warren Smith, Monday afternoon at three o'clock by the Rev. R. F. Munns. Interment was in the Ocean View Cemetery.

FORMER BEAUFORT LADY DIES AT FLORIDA HOME

Miss Julia Reed, formerly of Beaufort, passed away Monday morning at her home in Tampa, Florida, at the age of eighty years after a short illness. She will be remembered by her many former pupils who attended her private school here. She left Beaufort about twenty-five years ago, and has since been residing at Tampa. She was a life-long member of the Episcopal church. Funeral services were held at her home in Tampa Tuesday afternoon and interment was at the Florida city. She is survived by a number of nieces and nephews, among them being Messrs. Chas. Hattell and W. L. Hattell, Sr., of Beaufort.

HAVE CONFERENCES

During the past week or ten days there have been conferences held here in Beaufort, Raleigh and New York between county officials, bond holders, and the N. C. Local Government Commission concerning certain county affairs.

TIDE TABLE

Information as to the tides at Beaufort is given in this column. The figures are approximately correct and based on tables furnished by the U. S. Geodetic Survey. Some allowances must be made for variations in the wind and also with respect to the locality, that is whether near the inlet or at the heads of the estuaries.

High Tide	Low Tide
Friday, July 22	
11:24 p. m.	4:54 a. m.
Saturday, July 23	
11:32 a. m.	5:34 a. m.
12:12 p. m.	6:03 p. m.
Sunday, July 24	
12:19 a. m.	6:17 a. m.
1:02 p. m.	7:01 p. m.
Monday, July 25	
1:09 a. m.	7:02 a. m.
1:52 p. m.	7:56 p. m.
Tuesday, July 26	
2:03 a. m.	7:50 a. m.
2:45 p. m.	8:55 p. m.
Wednesday, July 27	
3:01 a. m.	8:42 a. m.
3:37 p. m.	9:51 p. m.
Thursday, July 28	
3:58 a. m.	9:34 a. m.
4:29 p. m.	10:45 p. m.

DUG-OUT CANOES ALMOST EXTINCT

"Cunners" Once One of the Main Means of Transportation Here in Carteret

The dug-out cypress canoes that were once so prevalent around this section of the coast are now almost extinct. For years and years the canoe—commonly called "cunner" by the old-timers—was the most common craft used in traveling around the bays, sounds and creeks here in Carteret County and was also largely used in fishing and allied means of livelihood.

Canoes were probably used from the time the earliest settlers came to Carolina and continued to be one of the foremost means of travelling in a small way up until twenty or thirty years ago. Two or three decades ago the skiff came into prominence around this section of the coast. Wind was the only means of propelling these two types of small boats during those days, except by rowing. There was much competition among the various "cunner" owners to see which had the fastest and swiftest craft. Regular native regattas were held in order to settle disputes about who had the swiftest sailing "cunner."

But with the coming of the gasoline-propelled "snapper" the fate of the "cunner" was sealed. During the past fifteen or twenty years the old hewn-out cypress canoes have been rapidly taking their places with the relics of yesterday, until there are now perhaps less than a half a dozen of these around Beaufort. The automobile and the hard-surfaced road was the last straw—people ceased to travel from community to community here in Carteret by "cunners," "snappers" or other boats. Automobiles are much faster and the people that had hitherto travelled by small craft demanded the faster mode. Power boats were required to haul long nets through the water, so the old "cunner" became a back number.

If the exact history of the old "cunner" could be written it would be a history of the development of Carteret County and the Carolina coast in general. It would probably begin with the coming of the earliest settlers to these parts and continue down until some twenty years ago, recording all of the various ups and downs in the lives of the Carolina folks.

The dug out canoe is much older than civilization. It is said by historians and other students of antiquity that the dug out canoe was the first step forward in the evolution of developing a better means of travelling. The first thing that was used for travelling, they say, was the drift ing log. Then some ingenious prehistoric man decided to hollow out the log by the use of fire and stone implements, and also sharpened it at both ends. This was the Adam and Eve of all boats.

From this crude beginning, came the "cunner" of the Carolina coast. These were usually made from cypress logs. Some were made from one log, others were hewn from two or even three pieces. As a general rule, the "cunners" were eighteen or twenty feet in length, although many were either longer or shorter than these. Being hewn from the best of cypress, these "cunners" would last almost indefinitely with the proper care. Some of these were handed down from father to son until the actual ages were really unknown; and it is the opinion of some seafaring people that some of the "cunners" that had the right care taken of them lasted well over a century. Thirty, forty and fifty years ago when Carteret citizens went over on Neuse River and shad-fished, the "cunner" was both the means of transportation and the craft from which they did their fishing. The men usually lived in camps on the banks of the Neuse.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles Gherman Holland of Beaufort and Mildred L. Willis of Morehead City.
William Vann and Gertie Ellison, Beaufort.
George Piver and Jamie Parkin, Beaufort.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

E. H. Gorham and T. D. Warren, to Craven County and City of New Bern, 74 acres, Morehead Township, for \$1,000.
A. I. Gross et ux et al to the Gross Pearson Co., 21 lots Morehead Bluffs, for \$10.